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Dear: Senator Mary Ann Hadley & Rep. Peggy Sayers

My name is Lorene Crowell and I am a Daycare Provider in the city of
Bridgeport.

I am writing regarding the Proposed Bill No. 1 introduced by Senator Don
Williams. The statement of the purpose is to ensure that all CT residents
have access to affordable quality healthcare.

I am aware of the bill introduced by Senator Williams and I appreciate his
attention, but his proposal does not go far enough.

His plan will cover 1/3 of the uninsured residents in the first year. Suppose
I am not one of the lucky 1/3 child care provider? The goal is to have a
single payer system that covers all resident.

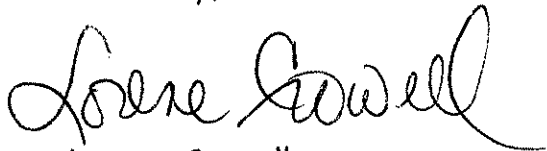
There is a childcare crisis in CT. Many providers quit because they cannot
afford to pay their own insurance.

As small business owners we want to keep our businesses efficient. We are forced to close our businesses when we don't have the coverage needed to operate efficiently.

I am currently without insurance. I once had the coverage that I needed to support myself and my business. When I purchased the insurance at a high premium, my business was profiting very well. One day I was not able to continue making the payments. My parents were working at companies that were downsizing and some of the parents' work hours were reduced. They no longer had a need for my services which made it impossible to meet my quarterly payments.

I am still operating as a daycare provider with the children that I have however I am still unable to afford the healthcare insurance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lorene Crowell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "L" and a long, sweeping underline.

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